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Western Washington doctor's medical license immediately suspended

OLYMPIA — The medical license of Rex M. Alvord (MD00035185) has been immediately suspended on charges of violating a previous order. Under the suspension by the Medical Quality Assurance Commission and the state Department of Health, Alvord cannot practice medicine in Washington until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the charges and to request a hearing.

Alvord had been providing boutique medical services including aesthetic treatments in King County, and operated a medical office in Tacoma.

The statement of charges says Alvord is out of compliance with the terms and conditions of the April 2010 order granting him permission to resume his practice. The original charges in 2009 alleged that patients reported Alvord was impaired during patient exams. Charges say he also prescribed drugs to people at a coffee shop as a convenience and kept poor medical records. He was required to complete a specific program to remain in practice but violated that term.

Legal documents in this case are available by calling 360-236-4700 or online by clicking the link to "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" on the [agency home page](#) (doh.wa.gov).

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission protects public health and safety by assuring the competency and quality of physicians and physician assistants. The commission establishes and monitors qualifications of physicians and physician assistants for licensure, and consistently enforces practice standards and professional conduct through discipline and continuing education.

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